

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A printer for printing out a report relating to data recorded by a tachograph in a commercial vehicle, the printer comprising:

a supply of printing medium,

a medium transport device arranged such that the printing medium can be conveyed in an output transport direction, and

a control unit arranged to control at least the medium transport device,

wherein the control unit activates the medium transport device in such a way that the medium transport device carries out a rest state transport at periodic intervals, and carries out the rest state transport at the start of an activation of the printer caused by receipt of a print job before processing the print job, and

wherein, during the rest state transport, the medium transport device transports the printing medium in and opposite to the output transport direction.

2. (Withdrawn) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the conveying travel of the rest state transport of the printing medium in one direction is between 0.5 mm and 30 mm.

3. (Previously Presented) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the control unit is arranged to activate the medium transport device during the rest state transport in such a way that the printing medium is initially conveyed from an initial position counter to the output transport direction and is then transported back into the initial position in the output transport direction.

4. (Withdrawn) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the printing medium of the supply is rolled up as a coiled strip.

5. (Withdrawn) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the printer is a thermal printer and the printing medium is thermal printing paper.

6. (Withdrawn) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the printer comprises a print head, the printing medium is arranged to be fed to the print head by means of a pressure roller, and the pressure medium is arranged to rest upon the pressure roller.

7. (Withdrawn) The printer according to claim 1, wherein the control unit is arranged such that at the start of an activation of the printer the printer causes by means of a print job, activation to be initially carried out in such a way that the rest state transport takes place before the print job is processed.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling a printer in order to print out a report relating to the data recorded by a tachograph in a commercial vehicle, the method comprising:

transporting a printing medium by a medium transport device in and opposite to an output transport direction at periodic intervals during a rest state transport, and

transporting the printing medium by the medium transport device in and opposite to the output transport direction at the start of an activation of the printer caused by receipt of a print job before processing the print job.

9. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the conveying travel of the rest state transport of the printing medium in one direction is between 0.5 mm and 30 mm.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein, during the rest state transport, the printing medium is initially conveyed from an initial position counter to the output

transport direction and is then transported back into the initial position in the output transport direction.

11. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the printing medium of the supply is rolled up as a coiled strip.

12. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 9, wherein the printer is a thermal printer and the printing medium is thermal printing paper.

13. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the printing of the printing medium is carried out by means of a print head, the printing medium is fed to the print head by means of a pressure roller, and the printing medium rests on the pressure roller.

14. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein, at the start of an activation of the printer caused by means of a print job, the rest state transport takes place before the print job is processed.

15. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the rest state transport is carried out at periodically repeating intervals of between 10 hours and 40 hours.

16. (Previously Presented) A combination including a printer integrated in a tachograph for printing out a report relating to data recorded by the tachograph in a commercial vehicle, the tachograph comprising a higher order controller; the printer comprising:
a supply of printing medium,

a medium transport device arranged such that the printing medium can be conveyed in an output transport direction, and

a control unit arranged to control at least the medium transport device,

wherein the control unit is arranged to activate the medium transport device in such a way that, at the start of an activation of the printer caused by receipt of a print job by the control unit from the higher order controller and before processing the print job, the medium transport device carries out a rest state transport, within which rest state transport, the medium transport device transports the printing medium in and opposite to the output transport direction.

17. (Previously Presented) The combination according to claim 16, wherein the control unit is arranged to activate the medium transport device during the rest state transport in such a way that the printing medium is initially conveyed from an initial position counter to the output transport direction and is then transported back into the initial position in the output transport direction.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled).